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SUBJECT: OLC LINKAGE REPORT: AN ANALYSIS OF US-IRANIAN
COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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1. OLC STUDY TEAM LEADER DR. CARL EICHER AND TEAM
COORDINATOR DR. ALICE MORTON, ACCOMPANIED BY CU/NEA
DIRECTOR MARSHALL BERG, CALLED ON IRANIAN AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI
15 DECEMBER TO DELIVER OLC REPORT, COPIES OF WHICH HAD BEEN
GIVEN TO IRANIAN COUNSELOR FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS
KAZEMIAN SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER.

2. ZAHEDI, WHO HAD NOT READ REPORT, LISTENED ATTENTIVELY
TO EICHER'S PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS. ZAHEDI THANKED THE TEAM, ENDORSED THE
OVERALL FINDINGS, AND THEN SPOKE FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES ABOUT
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BOTH THE OPPORTUNITIES AND THE PROBLEMS IN U.S.-IRANIAN
UNIVERSITY RELATIONSHIPS. HE SAID THAT IRANIAN INVESTMENT
IN U.S. EDUCATION WAS BETWEEN THREE TO FOUR BILLION DOLLARS,
AND STRESSED THAT FAR GREATER ATTENTION TO PROPER
COORDINATION WAS REQUIRED.

3. ZAHEDI SAID "WE MUSTN'T LET THIS REPORT SIMPLY BECOME ANOTHER PIECE OF PAPER." HE SAID HE WOULD SEND A FOUR-PAGE TELEGRAM TO THE SHAH ON THE SUBJECT THE SAME AFTERNOON, PROBABLY APPENDING THE SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT.

4. FYI: AN OLC MAILING FOR IRANIAN UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS WILL BE POUCHED SHORTLY TO POST FOR FORWARDING. END FYI.
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